

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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LOANS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some countries including Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya and Sudan have not repaid their loans provided to them by the Government of India;
- (b) if so, the details of efforts made by the Government for the realisation of these loans;
- (c) the details regarding outstanding amount of loans with interest due against each of these countries alongwith the dates since when these are outstanding;
- (d) whether the Government propose to invest bad debts in private enterprises working in these countries keeping in view the adoption of economic liberalisation policy by them;
- (e) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (f) the details of measures being taken in this regard ?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Balasaheb Vikhe Patil)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f): The Government of India has extended lines of credit to various countries. However, no line of credit has been extended to the Government of Sudan by the Government of India. Some countries like Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya, which are Highly Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC)s are having problems in repaying their dues. We are trying to resolve this problem of outstanding debt through bilateral discussions. Some of the options being considered are - local investment by Indian companies, repayment in kind and equity participation in Government-owned companies being privatized. We have already approved one proposal in respect of Tanzania for setting up a medical college.

The details of outstanding Government of India dues in respect of these countries are as under:

Country	Principal	Interest
Uganda	US \$ 3 .207 million (as on 31.12.1999)	US \$ 1.189 million (as on 31.12.1999)
Tanzania	Rs.9.17 crores (as on 30.6.2000)	Rs.7.61 crores (as on 30.6.2000)
Kenya	Rs.2.72 crores (as on 30.6.2000)	Rs.1.62 crores (as on 30.6.2000)